

# PUGET SOUND VITAL SIGNS

## INDICATOR GROWTH IN URBAN GROWTH AREAS

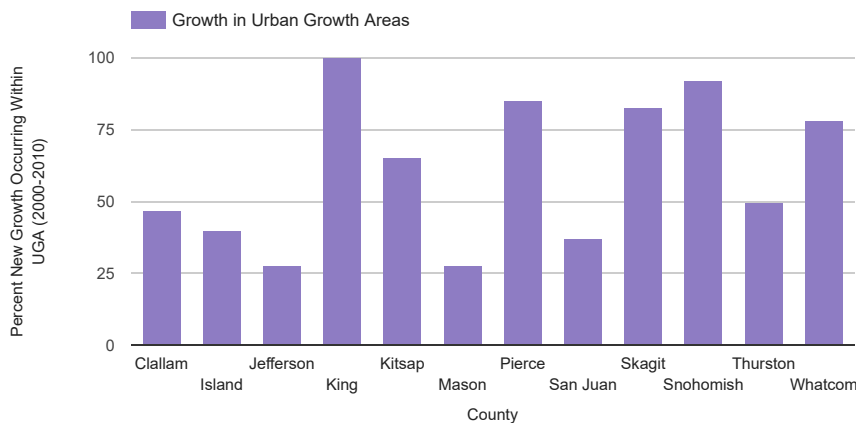
This indicator tracks the percent of population growth occurring within Urban Growth Areas (UGAs). Population growth, derived from ten-year U.S. Census data, is used as a surrogate for development activity in the region. County comprehensive plans designate UGAs for high-density urbanization and growth, in part helping to reduce land development pressures on rural and resource lands outside of urbanized areas.

**Indicator Progress**

**Indicator Status**



**Growth in Urban Growth Areas**



Percentage of new population growth occurring within UGAs by county based on the U.S. Census data from 2000-2010.

### Recovery Target

The proportion of basin-wide growth occurring within Urban Growth Areas is at least 86.5% (equivalent to all counties exceeding their population growth goals by 3%), with all counties showing an increase over their 2000-2010 percentage.

### Data Source

U.S. Census Data

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Key Vital Sign Indicator Results

- The analysis of progress toward the 2020 target is pending until new data are made available.
- Based on U.S. Census data from 2000 to 2010, the Puget Sound basin-wide population growth occurring within UGAs was 83 percent.
- For counties, this indicator ranged from 28-101 percent.
- For future analyses of progress, the value derived from the 2000 to 2010 census data will be used as a baseline reference for basin-wide and county-scale population growth distribution.

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